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In re Application of:

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VOLUME ANALYTE ARRAY  
ELEMENTS

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In compliance with the duty under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the Office's attention for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests that the Office enter this statement and consider and make of record the documents listed on the attached Form SB08A and any document(s) disclosed herein. Pursuant to MPEP 609, Applicant requests that the Office return a copy of the attached Form SB08A, on which each entry is initialed as considered by the Office, with the next official communication.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(g) and 1.97(h), submission of this statement and attached Form SB08A should not be construed as (i) a representation that a search has been made, nor as (ii) an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b). Submission of this statement also is not to be construed as an admission that the documents and information cited therein constitute prior art.

The documents cited in the attached Form SB08A were submitted to the Office in related application 09/364,744 filed July 30, 1999, published as US 2003-0096426 A1 on

May 22, 2003, which issued as U.S. patent no. 7,232,688 on June 19, 2007. The cited documents are submitted here for consideration and Applicant respectfully requests that the Office enter this statement and consider and make of record the documents listed and disclosed herein.

In the unlikely event a fee calculation document or pertinent fee is not included or separated from this submission, and the Office determines that relief is required, Applicant authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such fee due in connection with the filing of this statement to Deposit Account No. **50-3473**.

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